

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: public bills, H.R. 5387–5398 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Supplemental report on H.R. 5384, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007 (H. Rept. 109–463, Pt. 2);

H. Res. 815, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 109–466);

H. Res. 816, providing for consideration of H.R. 4200 to improve the ability of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to promptly implement recovery treatments in response to catastrophic events affecting Federal lands under their jurisdiction, including the removal of dead and damaged trees and the implementation of reforestation treatments, to support the recovery of non-Federal lands damaged by catastrophic events, to revitalize Forest Service experimental forests, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 109–467); and

Supplemental report on H.R. 5385, making appropriations for the military quality of life functions of the Department of Defense, military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007 (H. Rept. 109–464, Pt. 2).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Boustany to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:41 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Right-to-Ride Livestock on Federal Lands Act of 2005: H.R. 586, to preserve the use and access of pack and saddle stock animals on public lands, including wilderness areas, national monuments, and other specifically designated areas, administered by the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, or the Forest Service where there is a historical tradition of such use;

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Allowing the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation to enter into a

lease or other temporary conveyance of water rights recognized under the Fort Peck-Montana Compact for the purpose of meeting the water needs of the Dry Prairie Rural Water Association, Incorporated: H.R. 2978, to allow the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation to enter into a lease or other temporary conveyance of water rights recognized under the Fort Peck-Montana Compact for the purpose of meeting the water needs of the Dry Prairie Rural Water Association, Incorporated;

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Coastal Barrier Resources Reauthorization Act of 2005: S. 1869, to reauthorize the Coastal Barrier Resources Act—clearing the measure for the President;

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Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Improvement Act of 2006: H.R. 518, amended, to require the Secretary of the Interior to refine the Department of the Interior program for providing assistance for the conservation of neotropical migratory birds;

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James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act of 2005: S. 1165, to provide for the expansion of the James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge, Honolulu County, Hawaii—clearing the measure for the President;

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Redesignating the Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia as the Elizabeth Hartwell Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge: H.R. 3682, to redesignate the Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia as the Elizabeth Hartwell Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge;

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Supporting the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day: H. Res. 788, to support the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day;

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Recognizing the cultural and educational contributions of American Ballet Theatre throughout its 65 years of service as “America’s National Ballet Company”: H. Res. 751, to recognize the cultural and educational contributions of American Ballet Theatre throughout its 65 years of service as “America’s National Ballet Company”; and

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Condemning the murder of American journalist Paul Klebnikov on July 9, 2004, in Moscow and the murders of other members of the media in the Russian Federation: H. Res. 499, amended, to condemn the murder of American journalist Paul Klebnikov on July 9, 2004, in Moscow and the

murders of other members of the media in the Russian Federation. **Pages H2616–17**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further consideration of the measures will resume tomorrow, May 17th.

Calling on the Government of the United Kingdom to immediately establish a full, independent, public judicial inquiry into the murder of Northern Ireland defense attorney Pat Finucane, as recommended by international Judge Peter Cory as part of the Weston Park agreement and a way forward for the Northern Ireland Peace Process: H. Res. 740, to call on the Government of the United Kingdom to immediately establish a full, independent, public judicial inquiry into the murder of Northern Ireland defense attorney Pat Finucane, as recommended by international Judge Peter Cory as part of the Weston Park agreement and a way forward for the Northern Ireland Peace Process; and

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Condemning in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks in Dabab and Northern Sinai, Egypt, on April 24 and 26, 2006: H. Res. 795, to condemn in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks in Dahab and Northern Sinai, Egypt, on April 24 and 26, 2006.

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Recess: The House recessed at 6:46 p.m. and reconvened at 6:56 p.m.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2641–42.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea-and-Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ENERGY AS A WEAPON: U.S. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Energy and Resources and the Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a joint hearing entitled “Energy as a Weapon: Implications for U.S. Policy.” Testimony was heard from Karen Harbert, Assistant Secretary, Policy and International Affairs, Department of Energy; Paul Simons, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Energy, Sanctions, and Commodity Policy, Department of State; and public witnesses.

JUDGES—PAY AND BENEFITS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization held a hearing entitled “Fair and Balanced? The Status of

Pay and Benefits for Non-Article III Judges.” Testimony was heard from Nancy Kichak, Associate Director, Division for Strategic Human Resources Policy, OPM; William Cowan, Deputy Chief Administrative Law Judge, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; Ronald G. Bernoski, Administrative Law Judge, SSA; and public witnesses.

PANDEMIC INFLUENZA STRATEGY

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled “Are We Ready?: Implementing the National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza.” Testimony was heard from Jeffrey W. Runge, M.D., Acting Under Secretary, Science and Technology and Chief Medical Officer, Department of Homeland Security; John Agwonobi, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health, Department of Health and Human Services; John Clifford, D.V.D., Deputy Administrator, Veterinary Services, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA; and Peter F. Verga, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Homeland Defense, Department of Defense.

MEDICAL OUTREACH AND U.S. DIPLOMACY

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Relations held a hearing on Medical Outreach: An Instrument of U.S. Diplomacy. Testimony was heard from Cheryl Austein-Casnoff, Associate Administrator, Office of Health Information Technology, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; the following officials of the Department of State. Ralph Braibanti, Director, Office of Space and Advanced Technology, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, and Richard Greene, Director, Office of Health, Infectious Diseases and Nutrition Bureau for Global Health, U.S. Agency for International Development; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—COPYRIGHT ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on Section 115 Reform Act (SIRA) of 2006. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL, DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

Committee on Rules: Testimony heard; action deferred.